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2—Subscribed Capital £4,500,000
Paid-up Capital £2,477,500
III—Fire Funds..... 3,437,047
IV—Life & Annuity Funds..... 17,567,560
Sinking Fund Account..... 128,230

£23,970,367

Revenue Fire Branch..... £2,381,456

Life and Annuity..... 2,141,683

Revenue Marine Department..... 337,239

Other Receipts..... 478,940

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6.50 p.m. and 9 p.m., 9.30 p.m. to 11.00
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THE WAR.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

ANOTHER AIR RAID ATTEMPTED.

It is officially announced that an
air-raid was attempted at six o'clock
in the evening, on the Kentish Coast.
One raider was forced to descend
near the coast and its crew of three
were captured, alive.

A second attack developed at half
past nine and a few bombs were
dropped on the Isle of Thanet, but
there were no casualties and no
damage was done.

LATER
The Press Bureau announces that
in last night's air-raid there were no
casualties and no damage was done.

FOOD AND TONNAGE.

APPEAL BY MR. LLOYD GEORGE
TO AGRICULTURISTS.

London, Dec. 22
Mr. Lloyd George, addressing a
conference of the War Agricultural
Committees, said the struggle had
become largely a question of ton-
nage, therefore, the home production
must be intensified. We wanted
3,000,000 acres cultivated and they
had got 100 days in which to accom-
plish the task. The Government
hoped to release skilled ploughmen
from the army and had decided to
facilitate the employment of war
prisoners. He appealed for the
greater use of women on farms.
There would be 8,000 tractors work-
ing by the middle of March. He
urged the County Committees to deal
ruthlessly with farmers not making
the best use of their land. In order
to compensate for the loss of ships,
many imports must be cut down and
the deficiency in food must be made
up; otherwise the fibre of the Race
would deteriorate as had already
happened in Germany.

RUSSO-GERMAN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

GERMANY WANTS OTHER BELLI-
GERENTS TO PARTICIPATE.

London, Dec. 22
The Times Petrograd Correspondent
states it is reported from
Brestlitovsk that the German repre-
sentatives have emphasised the desir-
ability of all belligerents participat-
ing in the peace negotiations and it
was accordingly decided to invite
France, Great Britain, Italy and the
United States to send delegates to
the pourparlers.

The Germans are disposed to
accept the principle of no annexa-
tions and no indemnities, but have
made reservations regarding the right
of nationalities to dispose of them-
selves.

"A POWERFUL ARMY TO FIGHT AGAINST THE KAISER."

A MAXIMALIST POSSIBILITY.

Petrograd, Dec. 22
The Maximalist News Agency
quotes M. Trotsky as saying: "If
the Kaiser were able to attack us
and to propose peace terms onerous
for the Revolution, we should create
a powerful army to fight against the
Kaiser."

London, Dec. 22
Reuter's Correspondent at Petro-
grad, telegraphing yesterday, states
that M. Trotsky speaking at a meet-
ing in celebration of the armistice
said: "We did not overthrow the
Tsar and the Bourgeoisie in order to
fall on our knees and beg the Kaiser
for peace. If we are offered un-
acceptable conditions we will ask the
Constituent Assembly to decide, and
if the Assembly agrees then the
Maximalist Party will leave the
Assembly and we will invoke all to
a holy war against Imperialism in
all countries. If owing to economic
ruin, we are unable to fight for our
ideals, we will tell our foreign com-
rades that the struggle is not ended
but only postponed similarly to 1905
(the year when peace was signed
with Japan)."

THE WESTERN FRONT.

BRITISH FRONT.

London, Dec. 22
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig
reports:—
"We inflicted casualties in patrol
encounters, to the south of Cambrai.
There was increased activity by
the hostile artillery, from Armentieres
to Langemark."

BRITISH ADVANCE POSTS DRIVEN IN.

London, Dec. 22
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig
reports:—
Under cover of a heavy barrage,
yesterday afternoon, the enemy
locally attacked near the Ypres-
Staden railway and drove in our
advance posts a short distance on a
700 yards front.
There was hostile artillery activity
at Gheluvelt and Poelcapelle.

GERMAN REPORT.

A German official message states:
An enterprise on the Boesinghe-
Staden railway resulted in the cap-
ture of 80 English prisoners.

THE FRENCH FRONT.

Paris, Dec. 22
A communiqué states that there
was artillery activity in various places
including the Thier and Doller
regions, in Upper Alsace.

THE CZECHO-SLOVAK ARMY IN FRANCE.

INTIMATIONS

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J. B. TAGGART,
Manager.
Hongkong, Dec. 19, 1917. 2404

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NOTIFICATION.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that on the 26th January proximo, at 3 p.m. at the Public Works Department, and before a Committee presided by the Director of the Public Works, TENDERS will be received for the SUPPLY AND LAYING OF PIPES for Canalization of Salt Water (Extension). The conditions of the tendering, the specifications and the plans of the canalization are open to the public at the Public Works Department and in the Portuguese Consulate in Hongkong, where they can be examined all week days.

Macao, Public Works Department,
18th December, 1917.

RAUL M. DE FARIA e MARIA,
Engineer Director.
Hongkong, Dec. 21, 1917. 2413

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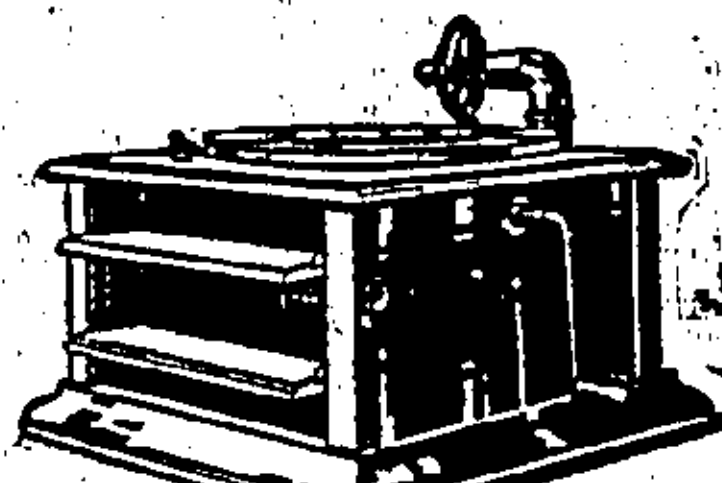
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Hongkong, Dec. 15, 1917. 2366

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FUTURE OF MUSIC.

SIR T. BEECHAM'S VIEWS ON
OPERA.

DECLINE OF THE CONCERT.

Sir Thomas Beecham believes that the development of music in England in the immediate future will be in opera. In an interview recently he pointed out a simultaneous decline in the production of symphonic works and in the interest in concerts. With the symphonic masterpiece the English public is well acquainted, but there are sufficient unknown operatic masterpieces to provide an opera-house with a repertoire for thirty years.

It is very difficult, Sir Thomas said, to have a vital executive branch of art was produced almost every month at the time. Whereas thirty years ago there was produced almost every month all interesting symphonic work by composers such as Brahms, Dvorak, Tchaikovsky, Rimsky-Korsakov, Grieg, and Smetana. For the last five or ten years those who give concerts have had the greatest difficulty in obtaining one interesting new work a year, and the average is growing less. This points to a gradual exhaustion in that branch of creative music. Simultaneously, nearly all over the country, there has been a decline of interest in concerts. None of the big festivals pay now, and quite a number of concert organizations have for years found it difficult to exist at all.

Now with regard to the opera, so far as this country is concerned, things are quite different. If you take, say, 200 opera-houses on the Continent, they have

a repertoire between them of something from 150 to 200 operas. If you take England as a whole there are very few people who know more than twenty operas—very few have heard even the names of more than twenty, and certainly not one man in a thousand can whistle the tunes of any operas outside those twenty. So, whereas the musical public is very well acquainted with most of the symphonic masterpieces, it is entirely ignorant of the opera. Further, whereas it is a matter of great difficulty for concert-givers to introduce new work of interest into their concert programmes, one could give any opera-house in this country a repertoire for the next thirty years consisting entirely of unknown operatic masterpieces. That is what I mean when I say that the theatre has a future in this country, because you cannot hide the light of these masterpieces under a bushel much longer. People will insist on having novelty and beauty combined, and they will find them in these unknown operas.

After an incidental reference to the "baleful effect" of oratorio and the cantatas on English singers, the effect being that the English singer was made to appear to have no artistic sense at all, Sir Thomas said that if the English singer was put into opera and assimilated its broad feeling he became like everyone else—an ordinary human being.

I believe, Sir Thomas proceeded, that the cultivation and development of opera in this country and the training of composers to write for the theatre—where they are brought in touch with an art form that develops not only every artistic resource they possess but also stimulates their faculties of common sense and their sense of the practical—I believe this will react with a most healthy influence on the symphonic school of composition. It is only through writing for the theatre that our composers generally will begin to be human beings and escape out of the dreadful region of Choccolate-town in which they have allowed themselves to drift. It is almost impossible to give any English composition with effect and success to-day just as the composer hands it over to the conductor, and that is because the composers have never had to do with an art form where proportion and brevity are essential, as they are in the theatre. If every English composer would write for three operas and go through all the necessary stages of training for it, the result would be a most healthy influence on the symphonic school of composition.

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CHINESE CONTROLLING AN
IMPORTANT TRADE.VIEWS OF A JAPANESE
INVESTIGATOR.

Mr. K. Nagamatsu, Chief of the Fishery Bureau of the Department of Agriculture and Commerce, recently returned from a trip through the Philippine Islands, Dutch East Indies, Malay Peninsula, Australia and other South Sea Islands, and delivered a lecture on conditions there at the Saiwai Club, Tokyo.

Mr. Nagamatsu was deeply impressed by the presence of the large number of Chinese in those regions, and by the fact that they are practically controlling the commerce, and that all foreign products imported have to pass through the hands of Chinese merchants, and a large percentage of these Chinese are wealthy. Mr. Nagamatsu said that the European people residing there do not treat the Chinese properly, and even the wealthy merchants are treated almost as slaves. Especially in the Dutch East Indies are they ill-treated, and while the European residents do not exert them-selves for the development of the islands, the Chinese and half-bloods who are so earnestly working for the prosperity of the district are not appreciated, but on the contrary are mistreated.

JAPAN'S SMALL PART IN THE TRADE.
After pointing out the various resources and natural products of these islands, Mr. Nagamatsu stated that Japanese trade with them should be encouraged. At present, the trade amounts to about 160,000,000 yen a year, but the total foreign trade of these islands is 4,040,000,000 yen, and so Japan enjoys less than one-thirtieth of the entire amount. Furthermore, the Japanese trade is one-sided, and the export is very small compared with the import, though there is a good field for the development of the trade. Japan being geographically so well situated towards these islands should have a larger share of the trade. At present the Japanese exports consist only of articles of small value, and the higher and better grades of articles cannot successfully be supplied to the foreigners. Chinese and natives there. Mr. Nagamatsu emphasized the necessity of co-operation between the Chinese and Japanese, as the Chinese merchants practically monopolize the commerce, and all the Japanese articles imported are distributed by them.

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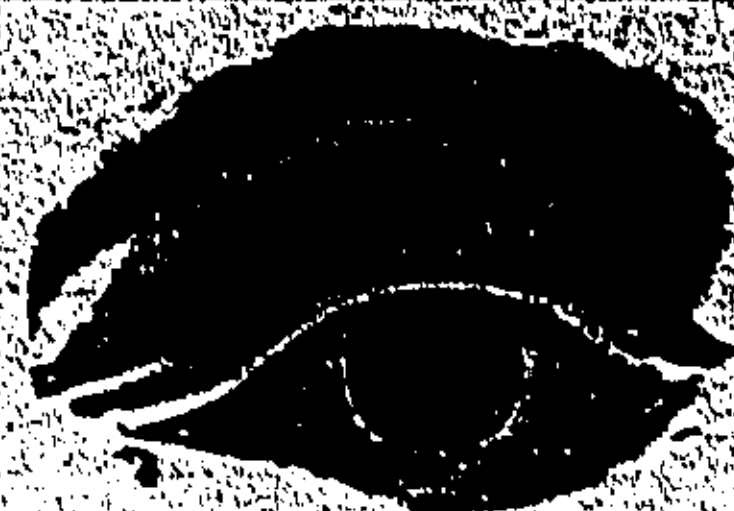
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THE CALENDAR.

MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.

Christmas Day: General Holiday.

GENERAL MEMORANDA.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 28 —
Boxing Day: General Holiday.
8.30 and 4 p.m.—Football Charity Matches.
FRIDAY, Dec. 29 —
President Woodrow Wilson's birthday (1856).
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Teakwood and Blackwood Furniture, &c., at Messrs Hughes & Hough's.
3.30 p.m.—Final in Ladies' Tennis Singles, Championship, I. R. C. ground.
6.45 p.m.—Total Eclipse of the Moon.
8.45 p.m.—Full Moon.
MONDAY, Dec. 31 —
Hogmanay.
5 p.m.—Sale of Rare British Colonial Stamps at Messrs Hughes and Hough's.

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Germany is making an effort to bring all the Powers at war to participate in the discussions which have begun on the Russian front. Alas, we know only too well that such a peace as Germany is now seeking is only a truce from which goodwill to men cannot possibly come. That the aggressive spirit in Germany which menaces the peace of the world has not yet been extirpated has been made abundantly plain in recent speeches and writings by many of her recognized leaders, and it is made manifest also in the remarkable threat of "a holy war" against the Kaiser which M. TROTSKY, the Russian leader, has felt himself compelled to threaten at a time when peace discussions between Germany and Russia are actually in progress. This can only be regarded as an indication of the claims which the "triumphant outlaw" is making on Russia. However, it is plain to all of us that the war is fast approaching its crisis, and we can only hope that before another Christmas comes round the world will be able to celebrate it with full confidence that the world for ages to come, if not for evermore, has been secured against aggression and the message of "Peace, goodwill and abiding fulfillment."

them to the sitting room for storage. During his absence the defendant was alleged to have taken a \$10 banknote from \$15 which were lying on the mantelpiece. The money was soon missed and ultimately it was found concealed in the hat defendant held in his hand. Defendant stated that a gust of wind blew down the \$10 note from the mantelpiece. He picked it up and intended to return it to the sergeant when the latter arrested him. No evidence was given by the magistrate to this story and he was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

THE BEST "BOY."

A Chinese was charged this morning with stealing a quantity of flowers and also with offering a silver watch and chain as a bribe to the looking who effected his arrest. Inspector Kent stated that the looking arrested defendant as he was picking some flowers without permission. Defendant then offered a watch and chain to the constable to let him go. Defendant pleaded guilty. He stated he was very sorry and hoped His Worship would overlook his offence. Mr. Vermey, of the Dutch Bank, stated that the defendant was his "boy." Defendant had been in his employ since 1916 and during that time he had no reason to believe defendant was not honest. Defendant probably did not realize his offence when he offered the bribe to the constable. He added that the boy was the best "boy" he had ever known in his life. His Worship fined defendant \$5 and suspended his sentence for one year, ordering him to find two sureties of \$100 each to guarantee his appearance before the Court when called upon to do so.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Sir Ellis Kadoorie, and Mr. C. S. Gubbay have returned from Shanghai. Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Stokes have also come down from Shanghai.

The death of the Venerable Archdeacon Louis Byrde, C.M.S., is just announced as having taken place on November 17th at Yenchow, Hunan.

The Fantastic Stars, delighted a large audience at the Victoria Theatre last night and they are commencing a three nights' season at the Bijou Theatre on Boxing Night.

There will be no issue of the China Mail to-morrow, Christmas Day, and on Boxing Day only the telegrams will be published. We take this opportunity of offering our readers the compliments of the Season.

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S. D. Lessner, an Austrian subject, has been fined \$150 at Nagasaki for selling three cows, and the Mother Superior of the French Convent, who bought one of them, was also fined under enemy trading regulations. Another enemy subject named Cohn was fined for insuring his property with a Japanese company. All the Japanese concerned are to be prosecuted.

THE MAGISTRACY.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

A Chinese contractor charged another Chinese before Mr. Wood this morning with assault and also with the larceny of a revolver valued at \$40.

Inspector Angus stated that about noon on the 5th instant, the complainant on his return from Tyntmuk was set upon by two men, of whom defendant was one, near Saiwan Gap and assaulted him. There was a struggle and all of them rolled down the hillside. Complainant managed to take out his revolver and fired a shot at his assailants wounding one of them in the body. The assailants then snatched the revolver away from him and escaped. The complainant then made a report at the Police station and together with the Police went search for the wounded man whom they found concealed under some shrubs near the Saiwan filter beds. His Worship remanded the case until Thursday week.

THEFT OF \$10.

A scold was charged before Mr. Wood this morning with the theft of \$10 from Sergeant Smith, R.A.M. at St. Joseph's. Defendant pleaded not guilty. Sergeant Smith gave evidence. He stated that on Saturday the defendant went into his house and stole \$10 from his pocket. He was charged with the theft of the money and was remanded until Thursday week.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

[The "China Mail" Service.]

A BEWILDERING SITUATION.

PEKING, Dec. 21.
The situation is most bewildering. While there is talk of an armistice and negotiations for peace, orders are being issued to mobilize. Only those with "inside" knowledge know what is happening. Li Shun's representatives, in an interview with the President, stated that Kwangtung and Kwangsi were earnestly desirous of peace. They also reported their fear that the troops of Chihli and Shantung would be unable to appear at the front, and they asked the President to personally decide on an early peace. They made the further request that the Shantung troops should not take the Pukow route.

LATER.
According to authoritative information a proclamation is about to be issued stopping the fighting the Premier having already arranged with the Southern representatives to summon a new Parliament according to the old Constitution, and the Provisional Senate is also willing to sacrifice itself.

CABINET TO BE AGAIN REORGANIZED.

PEKING, Dec. 23.
Owing to disagreements regarding policy the Cabinet is likely to be reorganized. Wong Shi Chen being unable to carry out his peace policy is likely to resign. Lu Chang Chang may act as Premier.

PUBLIC CONFIDENCE SHAKEN BY GOVERNMENT BANKS.

Government banks have entirely suspended cash payments and notes have declined to half their face value. Luk Wing Ting has telegraphed requesting the recall of troops from Szechuan and Hunan in order to accelerate peace negotiations.

THE JAPANESE MINISTER.

The Japanese Minister is returning home in connection with the reconsideration of Japan's policy in China.

TERRIBLE FLAQUE EPIDEMIC IN KHANSHI.

PEKING, Dec. 22.
Telegrams from Shansi report a terrible outbreak of plague. It is believed to be pneumonic. It is terribly infectious and the victim lasts not more than a couple of days.

UNNECESSARY WORK.

Why waste words and advertising space in describing the many points of opposition to Chamberlain's "Gothic Memo"? The most justifications are given when we state that it came from the pen of a man who is a member of the British Empire League and who is a member of the British Empire League.

AMERICAN ROMAN CATHOLIC MISSION IN HONGKONG.

THE SUPERIOR IN HONGKONG.

The Very Rev. James A. Walsh of New York gave addresses at the Roman Catholic Cathedral and St. Joseph's Church yesterday morning. Father Walsh is Superior of the newly-formed American Seminary for Catholic Foreign Missions and has come to China to prepare the field for American priests, four of whom will come to this country next September.

Father Walsh spoke yesterday in anticipation of the feast of Christmas. The Christian world, he remarked, is on the eve of a commemoration that recalls the greatest event in history, the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Advent had commenced the long period of four thousand years during which the nations sat in darkness. A partial revelation had been given to the Jewish people upon whom God had lavished many favours, but theirs was an incomplete law and their light was obscure. Outside of Israel, the darkness was practically complete and men not knowing God, had turned to the sun, the moon, the stars, and to the trees. They had formed images out of stone and wood, and had bowed down in abject adoration, as of a God to be propitiated lest wrath descend.

The end of Advent marked a dawning of the Light of Christ, and every Christian should in presence of the coming feast realize his privilege as such. The true Christian knows God as a Father who is acquainted with every need of every man. The true Christian sees in Christ, the Day, a clear one, manifested in words that cannot be mistaken when interpreted by the authority of Christ's Church. He sees the truth. The most difficult thing to find in the ordinary intercourse of human life is truth, but in what concerns eternal things, the true Christian recognises it without a doubt, and to him are pointed out the means to keep in view the end and to attain it.

But what of the four hundred million beyond the China coastline who have never heard of Jesus Christ? For them, darkness continues. Their religion is a confusion of ideas, their gods are stone and wood or the spirits of their ancestors. Their treatment of others takes no account of the rights of man. Women are held in slavery, children are put to death daily, the afflicted ones die without care because the Spirit of Christ has not yet visited the millions of this mighty nation so full of possibilities, for good or evil.

Father Walsh pleaded for a more complete realization of the benefits of Christianity that it might reach upon its hearers and in turn upon the Chinese into whose land they had come. Father Walsh left last evening for Canton where he will be the guest of Bishop de Guibral, and he is expected to return to this city early in January. With Hongkong as a centre, he plans then to go to the Philippine Islands, to Tonkin and the interior of Kwangtung, after which he will return to New York by way of San Francisco where his Society has a branch. During his stay in Hongkong, he has been the guest of His Lordship Bishop Pozzoni and of the Very Rev. Father Robert.

In speaking with a representative of this paper, he expressed his admiration of Hongkong which he finds, from many points of view, the most beautiful that he has seen in the Orient. Father Walsh has been through Japan, Korea, and has visited Hankow and Shanghai in the course of his mission.

POLICE AND "PEKING GAZETTE."

PEKING, Dec. 16.
Following on the suspension of the "Peking Gazette" the police have sealed up the premises, stopped the general printing business and now seek to oust the manager, a Chinese British subject, from his residence. The British Legation, however, on Saturday arranged with the Wachowskis that there should be no interference with the printing business or manager and this decision was communicated by the Wachowskis to the police. The police, however, yesterday in trying to oust the manager, and have cut off his mail, light and water. He reluctantly fled the building and took refuge in the Legation. These measures were the result of the police's refusal to allow the manager to conduct his business. The police's refusal to allow the manager to conduct his business is a result of the police's refusal to allow the manager to conduct his business.

THE ALLEGED SHANGHAI FRAUDS.

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The wife, daughter and father-in-law of R. Carneiro, who were arrested on warrants issued by the Portuguese Consul-General charged with making false declarations have been released. One other arrest was made on the 17th inst. On a warrant taken out by the Portuguese Consul-General, R. H. Almeida was arrested and charged with making false declarations. A number of Chinese and Portuguese were also arrested in connection with the same affair.

SPORTING.

FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

1ST DIVISION LEAGUE.

HONGKONG F. C. v. MIDDLESEX.

This match was played on the Club's ground yesterday at 4 p.m. The game was keenly contested, both teams being very evenly matched. The Club began the attack and within a few minutes of play, Stalker managed to score from a scrimmage in front of the Middlesex goal. The Middlesex responded vigorously and carried the game into their opponents' territory. An exciting scramble took place before the Club's goal, but the attack resulted in nothing. Walden again got possession of the ball and from a fine pass by him, Savers sent in a fast ground shot which beat Goldenberg. The Club again attacked and some fine work was done by Irvine but no further scores were made. Shortly before the interval Croxton of the Middlesex met with an accident. He was in sole possession of the ball at the moment, but tripped and fell, his head being severely hurt. The Middlesex had to play a man short in the second half and as the result their game was mostly on the defensive with occasional breakaways which were not considered dangerous. Turner made many fine saves. A fast shot from Chassel was saved at the expense of a corner which the Club failed to profit by. From the spectators' point of view, the game was somewhat marred by rough indulgences on the part of some of the Club's players—though they were not the only offenders—frequently occasioning disputes on the field. Result: Hongkong F. C. 1 goal; Middlesex 1 goal. The teams: Club—Goldenberg, Cave, Mo Cabbie, Reichelman, Stewart, Rodger, McLeish, Chassel, Gerrard, Irvine and Stalker. Middlesex—Regi, Turner, Eastthrop, Fischer, Turner, Fawcett, Fossey, Walden, Savers, Jarvis, Reed, Croxton. Referee Mr. Tucker.

2ND DIVISION.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE v. 3RD CO. R.G.A.

This match was played on the Navy ground, play commencing about half an hour late. There was very little to choose between the two teams, the Collegians making up for their lack of height and weight by their swiftness on the ball. Omar, the College left wing, was very quick on the ball and his speed made him very dangerous throughout the game. The Collegians began the attack, but Taylor was in fine form and was not easily beaten. By dint of persistent efforts the Collegians managed to score a goal. E. R. Hyndman being the scorer. In the second half the Collegians again made another goal from a pass by Omar. The game ended with a win for the St. Joseph's College at 2-0 goals.

Team—3rd R.G.A.: Taylor, Ogden, Astwood, Garner, Long, Wright, Swan, Butter, Perkins, Nichols, Hammond. St. Joseph's College: U.M. Omar (Capt.), A. Jackson, E. P. Hyndman, A. M. Stephen, H. Johnson, S. A. Marcal, W. C. Ogley, R. E. Hyndman, E. R. Hyndman, W. Bandran, R.M. Omar.

KOWLOON v. 8TH CO. R.G.A.

This game proved a great surprise. It was expected that after their defeat by the Staff and Departments last week that the Kowloon would be easily beaten, but they surprised their supporters by putting up an excellent game and effected a draw. The game was very even Tatum opening the score with a goal for Kowloon, but this was soon equalized by Turner who headed the ball into the goal from a scramble at the goal mouth.

In the second half of the game Small managed to break through the Kowloon defence by a great individual effort and sent in a shot which Jennings failed to clear. It looked as if the soldiers had already won, but Kowloon eventually equalized with a goal by Sutton from a fine pass. K.C.C. Jennings, White, Yuen, Van Langenberg, Jones, Rasmussen, Mason, Moodeen, Vasco, Tatum, Sutton, Candy, 8th Co. R.G.A.: E. G. A. Candy, Knight, Watson, Hancock, Higham, Bone, Watkinson, Small, Turner, McGregor, Bricknell. Referee—Lieut. Dickinson.

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CHRISTMAS.

A MESSAGE BY THE PRESIDENT OF CHINA.

The N. C. Daily News in a special Christmas Supplement prints the following interesting message (translated) to the subjects and citizens of the Allied and neutral nations resident in China:—

"The holidays, like the customs of all peoples, differ greatly in form but are essentially the same in spirit. With this Christmas holiday, as it is universally observed among Western peoples, are associated many high ideals which have been cherished by the Chinese people for countless generations. It is in this happy season that home ties are strengthened and the virtues which grow out of family relations are impressed upon the members of millions of families. Friendships are cemented by a generous exchange of gifts and tokens and the words 'peace and good will' are in every mouth. The principles of the family are to the Chinese the root of all virtuous actions. The ties of friendship are with us only less sacred than family ties, and nothing is so dear to the great mass of the Chinese people as peace, which prevails as the spirit of this Christmas festival. The Chinese people, therefore, have every reason to participate sincerely in the felicitations of this season."

As family relations are now closely knit, so should the relationships of the great family of nations, which are warring for a permanent peace on this earth, be closer, and our mutual interest in the attainment of international peace and good will should be emphasized. Therefore, I, the President of the Republic of China, take pleasure, on behalf of the Chinese people, in participating in the spirit of this international holiday and in wishing the subjects and citizens of the Allied and neutral countries who are now resident in China and who participate so sympathetically in our national festivals, a very merry Christmas.

FENG KUO-CHANG.

SINGAPORE SPORTING CLUB LOTTERY.

RESULT OF THE DRAWING.

The Singapore Sporting Club "Our Day" War Loan Lottery reached \$800,000. The first prize, thus amounted to \$150,000, the second to \$60,000 and the third to \$30,000, while there were 50 prizes of \$1,800 each and 100 of \$1,200 each. The sum of \$150,000, twenty-five per cent. of the total, goes to the "Our Day" Fund.

The drawing, which was watched by the Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. F. S. James, O.M.G.), resulted as follows:—

First Prize—Ticket 327. Held by Mr. Somasundaram Chetty, of 32, Market Street, Singapore.
Second Prize—Ticket 23750. Held by Mr. Teo Chin Watt and Mr. Chan Geok Eng, of 2, Khoo Cheng Road, Malacca.

Third Prize—Ticket 30175. Held by Mr. Mark L. Smith, of 9, Chowghee, Calcutta.

Appended is a list of the smaller winning numbers. These and the numbers given above are official.

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31422	18933	42391
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52578	51574	18186
19316	10503	6847
8735	15002	33419
6477	43502	9762
59599	53353	17355
40831	28079	461
68328	39615	25714
28739	19347	28349
14382	17834	46429
16242	9466	23495
42811	44224	43541
15511	15508	25330
54832	18808	

100 PRIZES OF \$1,200 EACH.		
36203	2449	51717
54398	33945	32747
52228	37867	46096
34477	18283	19927
51982	44214	2109
2035	21191	50894
20082	17191	56515
41593	33853	1749
16253	37086	6274
54442	9226	126
36933	8080	43475
36395	39104	20579
37275	54882	22825
19805	34378	8625
8210	58224	30559
37955	35985	33186
41105	622	21250
31998	8040	36992
46555	10255	45911
45917	27705	53341
13282	10588	38921
27059	36840	14318
18140	29884	27399
13804	13222	40161
3904	33175	19762
37487	30973	40924
5824	31894	3443
54329	41608	53822
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